(b) Fourteen mail offices have so far been modernized to improve the ergonomics and ambience. Further, eight Registration Sorting Centres functioning in the mail offices have been computerised.

Roaming facility on limited mobility circuits

2350. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether roaming facility on limited mobility circuits is barred under TRAIs directives;

(b) if so, whether some private operators have offered roaming facility on their limited mobility circuits in contravention to TRAI regulations;

(c) if so, whether TRAI has initiated any *suo motu* proceedings against the private operators offering such roaming facility from their limited mobility circuits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) TRAI has not issued any directive on the subject, so far.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Limited mobility

2351. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cellular operators have complained against limited mobility for offering services coutside the local calling area;

(b) whether the cell companies have moved to the Telecom Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal for redressal of their grievances;

(c) whether the cell companies have also sought the tribunals' directives to debar WLL operators from breaching the SDCA limits; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is sub-judice.

Policy for hardware sector

2352. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a comprehensive policy for hardware sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures proposed to flourish the hardware sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (c) An approach paper for a comprehensive IT Hardware Policy is under formulation in the Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

(d) Measures already taken by the Government for the hardware sector to flourish are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Steps taken by the Government to promote the Harware sector

1. Export Promotion Capital Goods scheme (EPCG) has been rationalised and extended uniformly to all sectors without any threshold limit on payment of 5% duty.

2. Approvals for all foreign direct investment proposals relating to the information Technology sector, with the exception of Business-to-consumer (B2C) e-commerce are under the automatic route.